

# WAR WITHIN THE AGE OF WRATH

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# TRANSFORMERS WAR WITHIN THE AGE OF WRATH





The malevolent Megatron is back from the dead and in total control of civil war-era Cybertron, his rule enforced by a massed army of clone troopers, the dreaded Aerospace Extermination Squadron. The Autobots are all either enslaved, forced to work on an excavation that reaches to the very core of Cybertron or, like Dynobot commander Grimlock, dead. All that is, except for a small, determined force led by Blaster and Perceptor...

"AND I THOUGHT--  
THAT'S IT...I'VE DATA-PLUGGED  
MY LAST REPORT!"

"THIS IS  
SLAMDANCE, LIVE FROM  
IACON'S CHAMBER OF THE  
ANCIENTS...SIGNING OFF!"

## THE AGE OF WRATH™

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AMAZINGLY  
THOUGH, MY FINAL  
*BYLINE* WAS STILL  
A KEYPAD OR TWO  
AWAY.



DESPITE ALL THE  
FIRE AND FURY, *STARSCREAM*  
WANTED ME *ALIVE*...AND ABLE  
TO TELL THE TALE OF HOW HE  
CAME, SAW AND BUTCHERED THE  
*ENTIRE* HIGH COUNCIL!

OF COURSE,  
*MEGATRON'S* SUBSEQUENT  
RETURN MEANT THINGS DIDN'T  
*QUITE* TURN OUT HOW OL' *SCREAMER*  
HAD ENVISAGED! AND ANYWAY, THAT  
LAST LITTLE FLURRY OF FIREPOWER  
LEFT ME WITH NOWHERE TO GO...




"...BUT  
DOWN!"

"I FELT  
FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE  
BREEZES, BRACED FOR  
A CRUSHING IMPACT..."






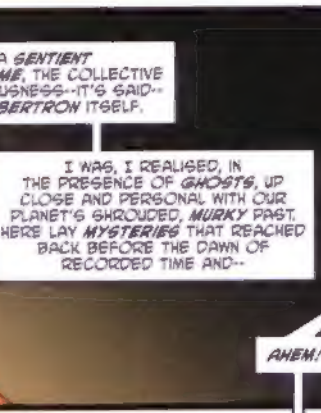
"...THAT NEVER  
CAME."



"SUSPENDED IN  
THESE ANCIENT CAVERNS,  
ALMOST EIGHT SUB-CYCLES  
AGO NOW, I WONDERED--WAS  
THIS WHAT THE 'ANCIENTS'  
DESCRIBED AS...THE  
SOURCE?"




A SENTIENT  
MAINFRAME, THE COLLECTIVE  
CONSCIOUSNESS--IT'S SAID--  
OF CYBERTRON ITSELF.



I WAS, I REALISED, IN  
THE PRESENCE OF GHOSTS, UP  
CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH OUR  
PLANET'S GHROUDED, MURKY PAST.  
HERE LAY MYSTERIES THAT REACHED  
BACK BEFORE THE DAWN OF  
RECORDED TIME AND--




AHEM!




PERHAPS, SLAMDANCE, INSTEAD  
OF RECOUNTING--FOR THE QUOTE  
TEENTH TIME--YOUR ADMITTEDLY FORTUITOUS  
DISCOVERY OF A MUCH-NEEDED BOLT-HOLE  
IN TROUBLED TIMES, YOUR VERBOSITY  
WOULD BE BETTER SERVED VOICE-CODING  
THE MARKER BUOYS FOR THE DESCENT.




UM, I--  
YES, RIGHT AWAY.  
HEH...



FLASH, BOSS,  
SCORCH, HURRICANE--  
YOU WERE DUE IN THE  
THINK-TANK TEN NGG  
AGO.



MORE  
THEORETICAL COUNTER-  
STRATEGY, LUCKY US!



WHEN ARE WE  
GOING TO SEE SOME  
ACTION, PERCEPTOR?  
I'M TIRED OF ALL  
THIS STANDING STILL.





ACTION. YES, WE'LL  
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU  
WISH FOR, FLASH...

REMEMBER, WE  
ARE FEW, AND MEGATRON'S  
**AEROSPACE EXTERMINATION  
SQUADRON** IS LEGION. ONLY A  
CAREFULLY STAGED, INTRICATELY  
PLANNED STRIKE IS AN OPTION.  
ONE FALSE STEP. ONE  
RASH PLOY...

I UNDERSTAND  
ALL THAT...

...MAY BURY US...  
PERMANENTLY  
THIS TIME.



...I JUST THINK WE'D  
BE BETTER DEPLOYED **ELSEWHERE**,  
OUT IN THE FIELD, DOING SOMETHING  
PROACTIVE...INSTEAD OF, Y'KNOW,  
FETCHING AND CARRYING FOR YOU.

PROACTIVE. MM.  
AND WHAT, PRAY TELL,  
FLASH, COULD BE  
MORE **PROACTIVE**...



foldspace x32  
searching for Correlation

...THAN  
FINDING **OPTIMUS  
PRIME?**





CURIOUS...

WHEN MOST 'CHROMES REPORT IN WITH 'CURIOUS' I'M LARGELY REASSURED. WHEN YOU SAY IT, NIGHTBEAT...I'M PLAIN WORRIED.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, **BLASTER**, CURIOUS PRETTY MUCH SUMS UP THE SITUATION HERE.

ONCE WE'D NAILED THE FIRST TWO A.E. TROOPERS, I FIGURED THE THIRD WOULD FIGHT ON REGARDLESS... TO THE **DEATH** IF NECESSARY. INSTEAD...

...IT'S GONE AND SHUT ITSELF DOWN.

MAKING THE FINAL MISSION OBJECTIVE STRAIGHTFORWARD, RIGHT?

RIGHT?

IN THEORY, SURE, I COULD JUST MOSSEY UP TO IT AND ATTACK PERCEPTOR'S **INHIBITOR CLAW**, THAT DONE, WE CAN SAFELY REMOVE THE TROOPER TO **IACON COMMAND** AND, AH, SEE WHAT MAKES IT TICK.

BUT?

IN MY EXPERIENCE IT'S **NEVER** THAT EASY.

YEAH...**YEAH**. IT'S YOUR CALL, NIGHTBEAT, BUT, WELL, WE'RE KIND OF COMMITTED HERE.

'ALL OR NOTHING,' EH? WAY I SEE IT...





...THAT'S JUST  
ONE SMALL STUMBLE  
FROM 'DO OR...'



...DIE?

SUBATOMIC  
HYPER-CACHE ACCESSED.  
PROCESSOR UPGRADE  
ENABLED.



DOWNLOADING TACTICAL  
AUGMENTATIONS...



DONE.

ENGAGE  
ENHANCED COMBAT  
MODE...

GRRRK!



WHAT--



--DID  
IT JUST  
DO?

WHO CARES?  
SHOOT IT, SHOOT  
IT NOW!

NO! WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
MISSION?

WHAT ABOUT  
NIGHTBEAT?!







**THANKS!**

**DON'T--**

**FNNH!**

SUBJECT ONE  
IMMOBILIZED FOR  
INTERROGATION.

**BUILDING  
THREAT/RESPONSE  
MODEL...**

### Course of Action

## INITIATING PURGE...





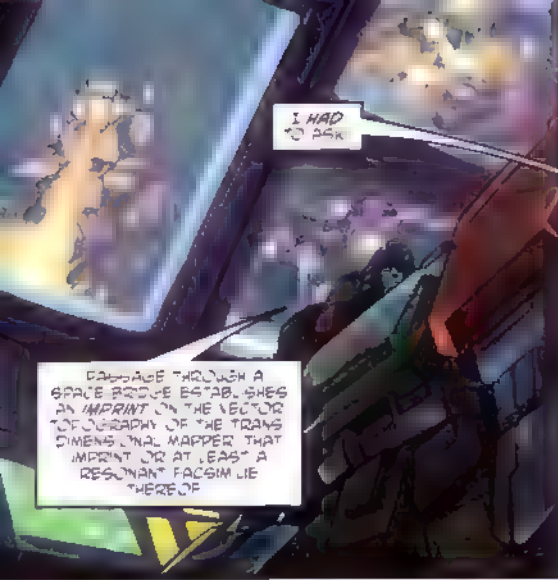
"I WAS ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT BOTH OPTIMUS PRIME AND MEGATRON PERISHED IN THE KAON SPACE BRIDGE DETONATION OF CYCLE 1100" BUT, OF COURSE, HE NOW KNOW MEGATRON SURVIVED

CLEARLY, CONTACT WITH A DESTINAT ON POINT WAS ESTABLISHED AN INSTANT BEFORE THE CONFLUENT ON, AND PASSAGE WAS ENABLED

OWAN BUT THE A MIGHTY BIG UNIVERSE OUT THERE PERCEPTOR HOW CAN YOU GO ABOUT TRACKING DOWN ONE WOLF BUT HE COULD BE ANYWHERE

AH, YOU SEE BOSS





I HAD  
TO ASK

PASSAGE THROUGH A  
SPACE BRIDGE ESTABLISHES  
AN IMPRINT ON THE VECTOR  
OF ORIGIN OF THE TRANS-  
DIMENSIONAL MAPPER THAT  
IMPRINT OR AT LEAST A  
RESONANT FACSIMILE  
THEREOF



IS CURRENTLY BEING  
PUSHED FURTHER AND FURTHER  
OUT FROM CYBERTRON ON A  
WICKED, PARALLEL COURSE  
THROUGH INFRASPACE



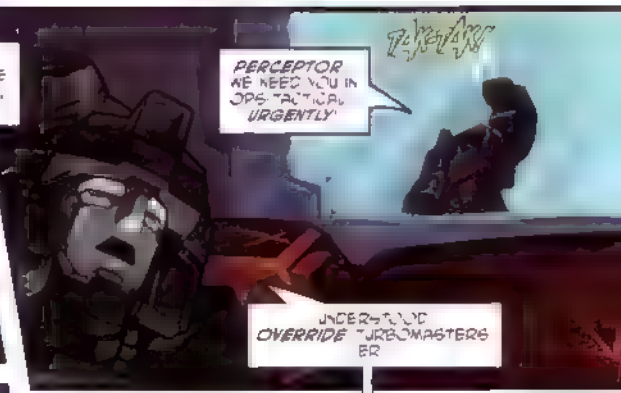
SOONER OR LATER  
I WILL REACH A POINT OF  
CORRELATION, WHEREUPON  
A NEW PORTAL WILL OPEN  
AND THAT, I BELIEVE

IS WHERE WE  
WILL FIND OPTIMUS  
PRIME



IF HE'S STILL  
THERE AFTER ALL  
THIS TIME IF HE'S  
EVEN STILL ALIVE

WELL, YES BUT  
GIVEN THE DIRE STATE  
OF CURRENT AFFAIRS,  
WE HAVE TO TRY



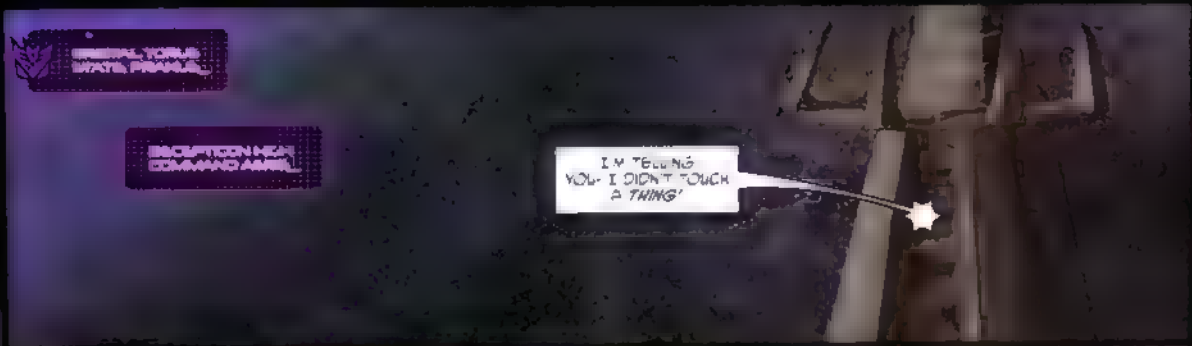
PERCEPTOR  
WE NEED YOU IN  
OPS TACTICAL  
URGENTLY

UNDERSTOOD  
OVERRIDE TURBOMASTERS  
BR

TRY NOT TO  
TOUCH ANYTHING







REPAIR YOUR  
MATE, PRINCE!

SCOUTS ON THE  
GROUND ARE

I'M TELLING  
YOU- I DIDN'T TOUCH  
A THING!

JMC

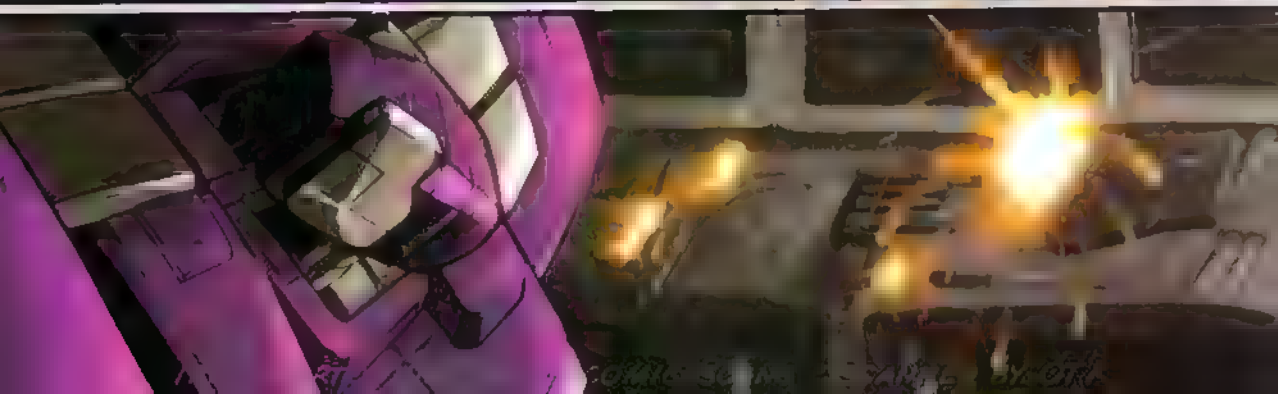
SO IN MY BRIEF  
ABSENCE THIS *DELICATELY*  
BALANCED APPARATUS, WHICH FOR  
THE LAST 452 BREEMS HAS BEEN  
*RIGOROUSLY* DRAWING, MEASURING  
AND PROBING THE FRAGMENTS OF  
THE CLONING ENERGY MATRIX  
ITSELF, DECIDED TO  
SIMPLY *EXPLODE*

YEAH YEAH -  
WAS EXACTLY LIKE  
THAT SHOCKWAVE,  
I SAID

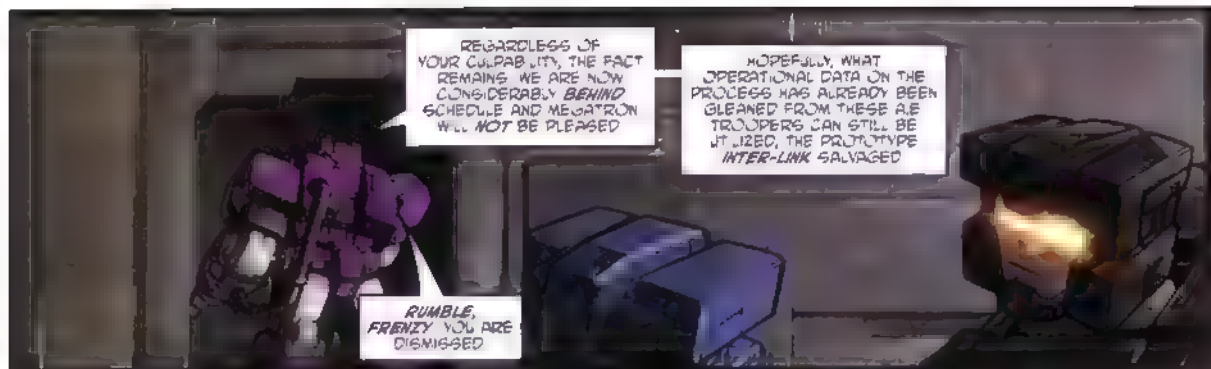
ONE MOMENT,  
T'S ALL QUIET ON THE  
ANALYTICAL FRONT,  
THE NEXT *MELTDOWN!*

WE WERE JUST KICKING  
BACK, HEAD COUNTING  
ABOUT CASUALTIES TO  
DATE LIKE YOU GO. AND  
*KABOOM!*

NEARLY  
TOOK MY FREAKIN'  
HEAD OFF!







REGARDLESS OF  
YOUR CULPABILITY, THE FACT  
REMAINS WE ARE NOW  
CONSIDERABLY **BEHIND**  
SCHEDULE AND MEGATRON  
WILL NOT BE PLEASED

HOPEFULLY, WHAT  
OPERATIONAL DATA ON THE  
PROCESS HAS ALREADY BEEN  
GLEANED FROM THESE ARE  
TROOPERS CAN STILL BE  
UTILIZED, THE PROTOTYPE  
INTER-LINK SALVAGED

RUMBLE,  
FRENZY YOU ARE  
DISMISSED



SURE, RIGHT  
PHH!

THOUGHT MEG  
HAD T' THERE RUMBLE  
MEGATRON WOULD'VE  
TAKEN JS APART

FOR SURE  
NOW, WHERE WERE  
WE? 'G, RIGHT?



RIGHT GALACTICA,  
GERONIMO, GIZMO,  
GLASNOST, GRIMLOCK



HNF!

THOW

FFH!





GHTT!

JOYRIDE!

THAT'S A REAL  
PRECISION BIT OF  
WEAPONS HARDWARE YOU'VE  
GOT THERE DRONE BUT  
LET'S SEE HOW WELL  
IT WORKS

HYPER-  
STIMULATED

AND WHILE  
YOU'RE DEALING  
WITH THAT

HERE I-

NNNNRR



SIREN?

JUH...JOYRIDE I  
CAN'T GET T TOGETHER  
HERE WHATEVER T HIT  
ME WITH, T SCRAMBLED  
ALMOST EVERY TACTICAL  
FACILITY

CAN YOU  
TRANSFORM?

I THINK  
SO

YEAH  
BJT

I  
CAN'T SEE  
A THING

DON'T MATTER  
POP YOUR PORT  
ACCESS WATCH...

AND  
STAY TIGHT  
GOT IT?

G-GOT  
IT

NOW...

RAMMING  
SPEED!

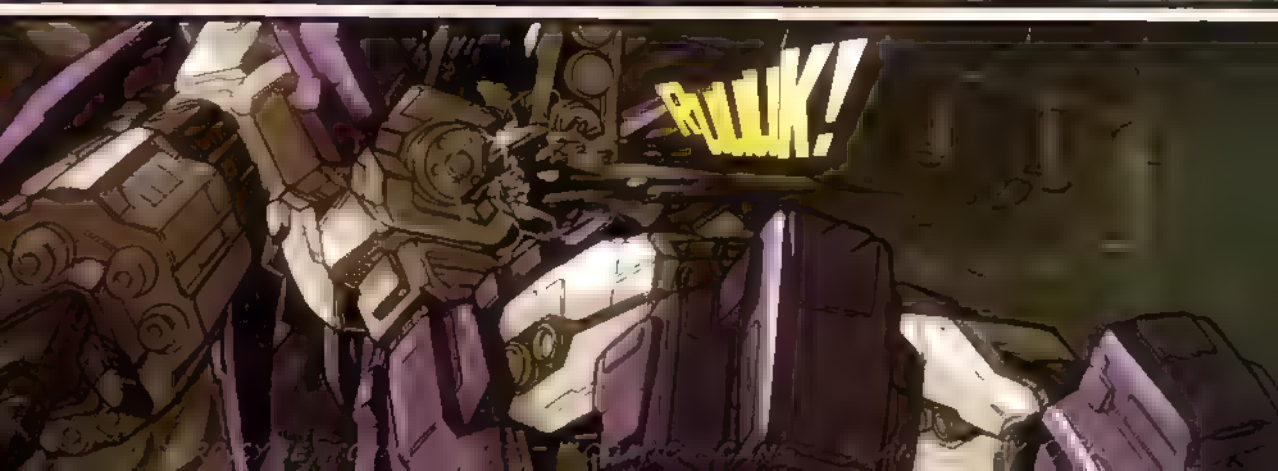




ON MY  
SIGNAL



--REVERSE  
THRUST!



BOOMK!









SELF-DIAGNOSTIC  
RUNNING...

NOTHING AND  
REPEATED



GUN?  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON?



GREEN?  
HOSEHEAD? JOYRIDE?  
TALK TO ME!

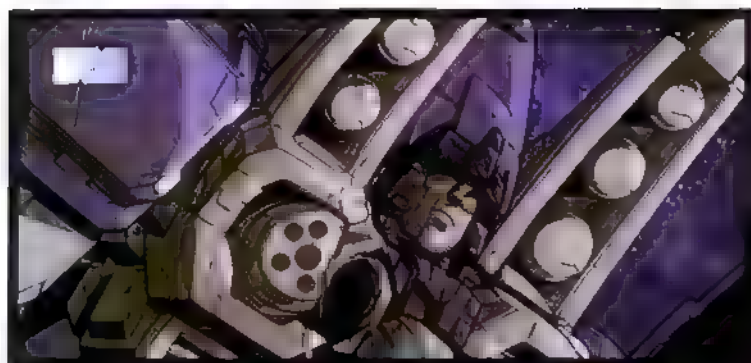
NO!



LIQUIDATION IN  
THREE, TWO

IS ANYONE  
THERE?





YES.

IT'S  
ME, SLAPDASH  
GETAWAY

IT'S OVER. LOOK  
ME A WHILE TO BRING  
MY TERTIARY SYSTEMS  
ONLINE AFTER THAT  
"AS" BATTERING

BUT I  
GOT THERE IN  
"THE END"



I'M BOOSTING  
SIGNAL STRENGTH TO  
THE MAX, PERCEPTOR  
ANY JOY?

ALL SYSTEMS ARE  
OPERATING AT OPTIMUM LEVEL,  
BLASTER THE PROBLEM MUST  
BE ELSEWHERE. PERHAPS WE'RE  
BEING JAMMED AT SOURCE.  
ISOLATING THE INSERTION TEAM  
JUST AS WE SOUGHT TO  
ISOLATE THE TROOPER

IT CAN'T END  
LIKE THIS. I CAN'T!  
NOT NOW, JUST AS  
WE'RE FINALLY READY  
TO KICK BACK

ALL THIS. AND WE  
GATHERING, PREPARING  
AND WE FALL AT THE  
FIRST HURDLE

CRICK.









BLASTER, DO  
YOU READ ME?

GETAWAY! I  
READ YOU, GOOD  
BUDDY, LOUD AND  
CLEAR STATUS?



BATTERED BUT  
ESSENTIALLY INTACT  
PACKAGE IS  
DATASTAMPED AND  
READY.

NIGHTBEAT, AS  
YOU'D EXPECT, WAS SOME  
THEORIES ABOUT THIS WHOLE  
UNCOMFORTABLE INTERLUDE,  
BUT THEY CAN WAIT UNTIL  
WE'RE BACK.



TELL PERCEPTOR  
TO GET HIS PROBES  
READY. GETAWAY OUT.

YEE HAW!  
DIDN'T I TELL YOU  
I'D BE ALRIGHT,  
PERCEPTOR? NEVER  
DOUBTED 'EM FOR  
A MOMENT!

MY WHILE I  
SHARE SOME OF YOUR  
ELATION, BLASTER, MIGHT  
I REMIND YOU THAT THIS,  
COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING



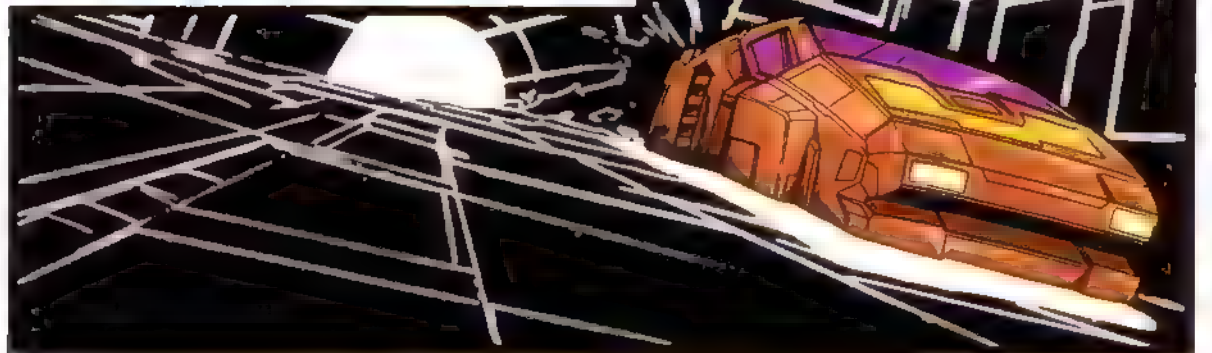
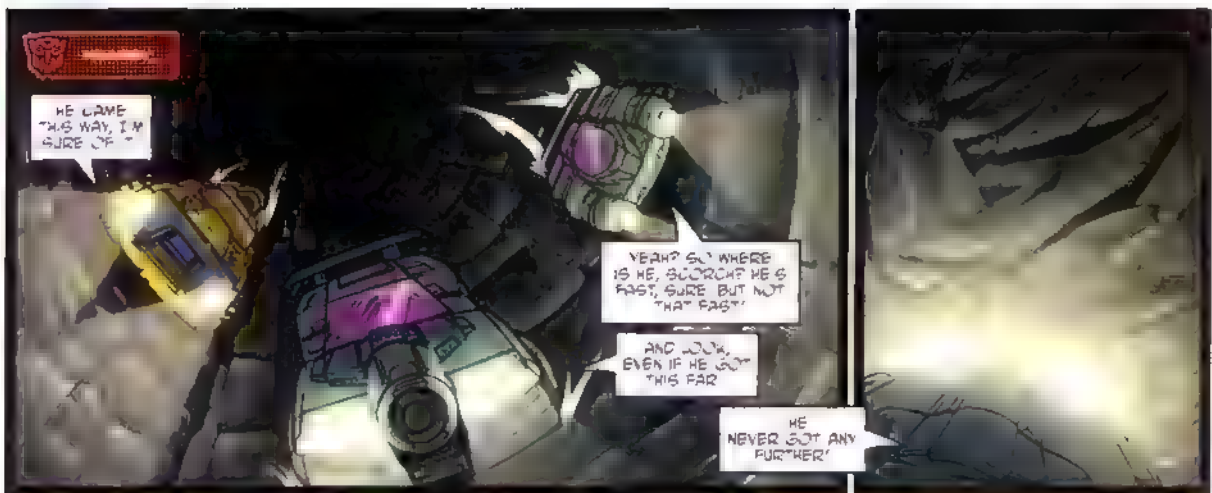
WAS  
THE EASY  
BIT.

THE DESCENT  
AND SUBSEQUENT  
OBJECTIVE

ARE PLUS TIVELY  
SUICIDAL.











HERE?



WINDMILL



# DECLARATIONS OF WAR

Welcome back Transfans!

Plenty of good questions and eager eagle-eyed readers giving their two cents this month:

Hi Dreamwave,

After the third *War Within* will it become monthly ongoing?

Birmingham, AL

For now, *War Within* will remain an annual mini-series. By keeping it down to six issues a year, we can guarantee each volume is fresh and exciting. It's not just a thrill for the fans when the new volume is announced, but for all the creators and staff at DW too—it's our favorite "prequel" ever!

However, that being said, it's definitely tempting to consider making it an ongoing—there are a lot of Transformer stories waiting to be told.

Hi Dreamwave,

The sum of the various members of the factions listed above equals a grand total of 88 Transformers—compared to the 350 or more Transformers that are available in the Transformer Universe.

The Great War has been going on for a long, long time and I'm expected to believe that characters like Outback, Swerve and the aforementioned Bumper have just been sitting around playing cards the whole time?

I always liked the idea that the total planet was at war. It was a war you couldn't escape from no matter how hard you tried. But this concept of "rookies" being introduced in GI just takes away from the wealth of characters that can be used in *War Within*. If these guys are just spectators at this point in time, where are they and what are they doing?

I can go with the Mini-Spies not being directly included in the war, for they have been noted for being too small and weak to be able to withstand the physical pressures of direct combat. But to believe that a (for lack of a better term) full grown Transformer is merely munchin' on Energon cubes for several million years is very ridiculous.

Arthur Williams

This has been asked before: Why aren't more characters used? Why is so-and-so always there and not such-and-such? It's true there are lots of 'bots to play with and trust me, we're trying to give as many airtime as we can. Essentially, remember this—it's a big planet. The faction members aren't all in one place at one time.

Hello gang,

Given the characteristic of Grimlock in the present time/GI era and in the past from *WW Volume 1* and *Volume 2*, I find it a little bit unconvincing that Grimlock would sacrifice himself in order to save Magnus and preserve peace. This is so not like Grimlock, I can see if it's some other bots.

So, the question is, what did Magnus do in order to earn Grimlock's trust? Did he save Grimlock at one point? What's your speculation?

In *War and Peace*, we saw Magnus blast Grimlock to the face, but only to repair him back.

Well I hope Furman revealed some back story regarding these two. We know Grimlock doesn't like Prime much, but he's okay with Magnus.

Reminator

Grimmy has always been a noble warrior who would prefer to go down in a blaze of glory than to not fight at all. (Sounds like another famous dinosaur-bot in another TF series eh?) That Grimlock sacrificed himself is pretty much inline with any warrior's sense of honor.

Our fun-loving Brit, Mr. Simon Furman, had this to add: "Magnus made no-nonsense decisions, tactical and otherwise, over the course of many years of conflict. As Magnus himself says, he 'won the pumps and processors of even his sternest critics'."

Hi top bots,

I have been with Transformers since the beginning and have to say you guys are doing great stuff for the most part. *WW* is a fresh start to see some of my fave bots kicking off in brand-new (old) bodies.

But I do have a few questions. I have just a couple of complaints. Why shy away from beast-like forms when Cybertron has (in other continuities) all sorts of animals; the likes of the Predacons could simply be mysterious throwbacks—not to mention the fact that other worlds exist in TF mythology and it seems unlikely only Earth would possess "lions" in one form or another.

And what about Optimus Prime? It feels a bit cheap to simply make up excuses for him to be out of action, why not simply send him off on other adventures while we get to witness the adventures of different TFs rather than depict Cybertron falling apart in the absence of prime. Sure he's the bigbot, but he's only got two arms and six tires, he can't be everywhere at once. I also wanted to say, for future *WW* designs please consider the likes of Arcee and Punch/CounterPunch.

Here's hoping Magnus stops moaning.

Robert

The key theme and interest point to *War Within* for readers and creators is a Cybertron that the Transformers have had no human/Earth influence yet. But that doesn't mean there are some animal-like alternate modes for some of the Transformers: Think about Ratbat, Ravage, and so on. Although they are not quite "Earth" animals, they are still beastly looking—but why? Well, that's not clear yet, so keep reading, Transfans...

As far as Op being out of the picture, the reasoning is exactly what you say: It gives the other characters chances to shine; which means we get to learn more about the origins of other key players in the world of Transformers.

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**NEXT MONTH**



Datara, realm of the vampires.  
Lord Malagen's fortress.

When Lord Necro's a member of the ruling council  
discovered the rumors that Lord Malagen's  
supporters had abandoned him seemed true, the  
Empire Lord wasted no time in moving his troops  
to surround his most hated enemy's black fortress.

# WARLANDS

MALAGEN'S CAMPAIGN

## SPECIAL PREVIEW!!

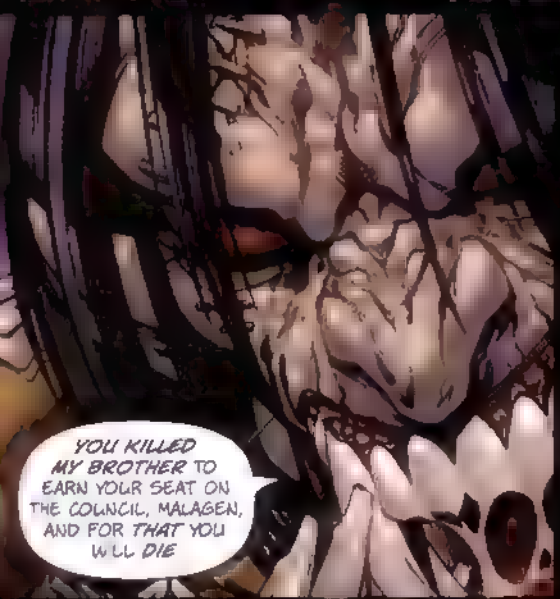
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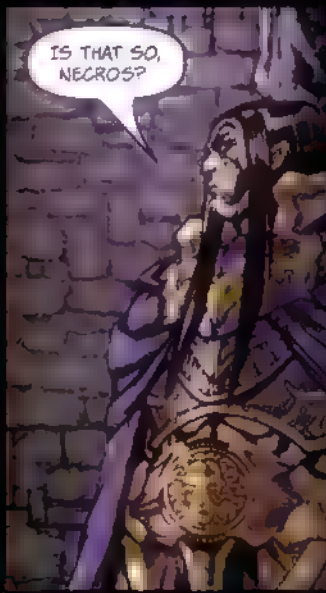


YOUR  
CAPTAINS,  
GENERALS, EVEN  
YOUR ARMY HAVE  
DESERTED YOU,  
MALAGEN

YOU SIT  
ALONE IN YOUR  
BLACK FORTRESS.  
NONE WILL STAND IN  
YOUR DEFENSE



YOU KILLED  
MY BROTHER TO  
EARN YOUR SEAT ON  
THE COUNCIL, MALAGEN,  
AND FOR THAT YOU  
WILL DIE



IS THAT SO,  
NECROS?




WHAT IS  
THIS?



DID YOU  
REALLY BELIEVE  
THAT MY LOYAL SUBJECTS  
WOULD EVER ABANDON  
ME?





AND DO YOU  
REALLY THINK THAT  
THESE SOLDIERS CAN  
STOP ME?

HAHAHA

ARRGGH

ALLOW ME TO  
INTRODUCE MYSELF, LORD  
NECROS MY NAME IS TOK,  
AND I HOPE THAT YOU ARE  
NOT TOO FURIOUS AT BEING  
CAPTURED BY MERE  
SOLDIERS

IT IS  
LORD  
MALAGEN'S  
FONDEST  
WISH THAT  
YOU HANG

IN THE CENTER  
OF HIS FORTRESS  
WRAPPED IN THOSE HOLY  
CHAINS FORGED BY DWARVEN  
SMITHS AND BLESSED BY  
THE HIGH PRIESTESS  
REBEKNAH

MY MASTER,  
LORD MALAGEN, LEFT  
STRICT INSTRUCTIONS  
THAT YOU WERE NOT TO  
BE KILLED ALTHOUGH  
SOON YOU WILL WISH  
THAT YOU WERE

HE WISHES TO  
LISTEN TO YOUR TORTURED  
SCREAMS FOR ALL ETERNITY

MAGE, SEND  
WORD TO LORD  
MALAGEN THAT NECROS  
HAS BEEN CAPTURED AND  
THAT WE NOW MOVE TO  
NEUTRALIZE HIS  
SOLDIERS



Mortara, capital city of Datara.  
The Council meeting of the great  
Vampire Lords.

WHY DO  
YOU SUMMON  
THE COUNCIL,  
MALAGEN?





BECAUSE  
NECROS' SEAT OF  
POWER IS NOW  
VACANT.



NECROS HAS  
OPENLY MADE HIS MOVE  
AGAINST ME IN ORDER TO  
AVENGE HIS BROTHER AND  
HAS FAILED. NECROS IS  
NOW MY PRISONER.

AAARGH



HIS SCREAMS ARE...  
SWEET IN MY EARS,  
LORD MALAGEN.

I NOMINATE  
YOU TO NECROS'  
SEAT OF POWER  
SO THAT ONE OF THE  
LESSER LORDS CAN  
TAKE YOUR SEAT IN  
THE COUNCIL.

I DECLINE.  
I AM NOT WORTHY  
TO RISE FROM MY HUMBLE  
SEAT. I NOMINATE LADY  
CRISMOANIA TO NECROS'  
SEAT OF POWER.



I ACCEPT,  
LORD MALAGEN.

IN RETURN,  
I NOMINATE THAT  
YOU REMAIN IN YOUR  
SEAT IN ALL HUMILITY, AND  
THAT MY SEAT REMAINS  
VACANT UNTIL SUCH TIME  
THAT YOU FEEL WORTHY  
TO CLAIM IT AS  
YOUR OWN.



LORD  
MALAGEN THIS IS  
NOT CUSTOMARY.  
THE COUNCIL IS NOW  
FOUR WHEN IT HAS ALWAYS  
BEEN FIVE. IT IS NECESSARY  
FOR YOU TO CLAIM LADY  
CRISMOANIA'S SEAT OF  
POWER SO THAT A NEW  
MEMBER CAN BE CHOSEN  
FROM THE LESSER LORDS  
SO THAT BALANCE CAN BE  
RESTORED WITHIN THE  
COUNCIL. IS THIS  
NOT SO, LORD  
SLADMORTIS?



LORD MALAGEN REMAINS  
AS HE WISHES.

You know that the balance has been disrupted yet for you to force me to move would be a sign of weakness. Yes, you fear me, I see it in your eyes, Sladmortis. My campaign for world conquest has begun and in the end all knees shall bow to Lord Malagen, the Khan.

CONTINUED IN:

**WARLANDS** #1  
MALAGAN'S CAMPAIGN

COMING JANUARY 2005!





# UNLEASH THE BEAST! THE BEAST WARS BEGIN THIS JANUARY!

You asked for it, so you got it! Dreamwave is proud to announce a six-part series based on the popular toyline by Hasbro and successful television series by Mainframe Entertainment. The new title comes after the sellout of Dreamwave's incredible TRANSFORMERS Summer Special, when fans were asked which title they'd prefer to see in an upcoming mini-series: TRANSFORMERS BEAST WARS or TRANSFORMERS ROBOTS IN DISGUISE. BEAST WARS annihilated the competition, taking 80% of the vote!









The series, which takes place years after GENERATION ONE, follows the adventures of OPTIMUS PRIMAL and his MAXIMALS (descendants of the AUTOBOTS) versus MEGATRON and his PREDACONS (descendants of the DECEPTICONS). For such an exciting and pivotal series in the TRANSFORMERS comic continuity, Dreamwave turned to a star-studded cast of creators. Leading the charge are the TRANSFORMERS experts themselves, James McDonough and Adam Patyk. McDonough and Patyk are part of the amazing success of Dreamwave's GENERATION ONE and MICROMASTERS series, and are without a doubt the perfect writers to fill in the gaps of the BEAST WARS saga. Another well-known name will tackle the pencils: Don Figueroa. Figueroa, whose art has been attached to pretty much every Dreamwave TF title, is perfect for the job; he's quite possibly the biggest Transfan alive. When asked what it feels like to draw the characters that spearheaded the revival of TRANSFORMERS into the mainstream, Figueroa was philosophical as always.

"The first time I saw the series, I said, 'What is this new show?' They transform, the leaders had very familiar names and looked similar but I was so surprised to see animals as their alternate modes, not vehicles. But from the first episode I was hooked. This series was groundbreaking and it is amazing that we get to bring it to comic book form."

TRANSFORMERS BEAST WARS #1 will be hitting the shelves in January 2005 and will mark the beginning of a very special and exciting year for Dreamwave. From now until its New Year launch, Dreamwave will be celebrating the long awaited arrival of BEAST WARS, so keep checking [www.DreamwaveProd.com](http://www.DreamwaveProd.com) for more info!



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-  **TRANSFORMERS 20th ANNIVERSARY MEGALITH**
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-  **TF ENERCON VOL.2 POCKET BOOK**
-  **TF GI: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE VOL.2 TPB**
-  **TF GENERATION ONE #11**
-  **TF/GIJOE "DIVIDED FRONT" #2 of 6**
-  **TF/GIJOE VOL.1 POCKET BOOK**
-  **TF WAR WITHIN "THE AGE OF WRATH" #3 of 6**

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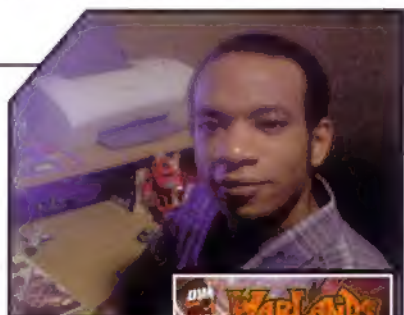
**BASE OF OPERATIONS:**  
 Atlanta, Georgia

**CURRENT/UPCOMING PROJECTS:**  
 Writer: Warlands, New Spring (The Wheel of Time)

**NUMBER OF FANTASY NOVELS YOU READ:**  
 Over 300

**FINEST DREAMWAVE MOMENT:**  
 First time that I met Pat Lee after having harassed him by email for over a year!

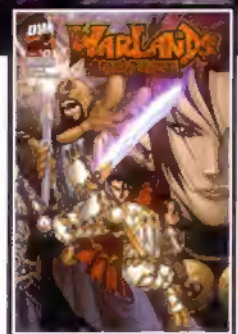
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First of all, I want to say that I'm extremely honored to have been given the opportunity to write Warlands. It is something that I take very seriously, and I feel a great sense of responsibility to show a side of Warlands that fans have never seen before. To me, eating, drinking, and sleeping all take the backseat to this project—it is that important to me. So before you read through an issue, I want you to first get your chocolate chip cookies and a glass of milk and put it somewhere close as you might end up lost somewhere in the world of Warlands.

Pat Lee is a man that my brothers and I have always looked up to. He has always been the guardian of Warlands and for him to entrust me with it means a lot to me. None of this would have been possible if he had not given us the green light. Thanks Pat!

I also want to thank everyone else at Dreamwave who has really been very supportive of me: Roger Lee, Graham Cruz, Candice Chan, Rich Young, Chung, Matt Maylan, and Matt Hansen who asked me to do "From the Desk Of". Special thanks also to: Chuck Sellner (Editor), Mike Raicht (Story Consultants), Ramulo Soares of Lynx Studios, Edu Francisco (Artist), Etienne St-Laurent (Colorist) and Bill Tontolini (letterer). Lastly, I want to thank my brother Les who first got me into fantasy by getting me J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" for Christmas back when I was in the sixth grade, and God for touching my mind and fingers and giving me the inspiration that I needed so that I could commit this Warlands series to paper.



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